

Oiled Wildlife Care Network
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BIRD TOTALS FROM LUCKENBACH SPILL HIT 1,800

Previously trained volunteers and new volunteers needed as birds continue to be impacted

Cordelia, CA, March 21, 2002 — An oil spill that remained a mystery for several months has now been attributed to the *SS Jacob Luckenbach* — a freighter that sank nearly fifty years ago, off the northern California coast . The San Francisco Bay Oiled Wildlife Care Center in Cordelia has been receiving oiled birds, mostly common murrelets, since November 24, 2001. "Although the source of the oil has been found, we have not stopped rescuing oiled birds," said Scott Newman, a veterinarian with the Oiled Wildlife Care Network.

The intake of oiled birds has once again increased, and the network is appealing for volunteers — **especially those who have already gone through the OSPR/OWCN HAZCOM training** — to call the Center at 707-207-0380, extension 107, and schedule time to help at the center.

The total number of birds found reached 1,866 on March 21st; of those, 232 were washed, rehabilitated and released; thirty-nine are currently in care; 477 died or were humanely euthanized, and 1,118 were found dead.

International Bird Rescue Research Center, which manages the Cordelia center, is also looking for volunteers for their year-round rehabilitation program. For more information visit their website at www.ibrrc.org. Spill information is available at the DFG-OSPR website: www.dfg.ca.gov/Ospr/index.html and at www.incidentnews.gov.

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